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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LE, FR, XFG
SUBJECT: GORSE VISIT - CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR

REF: BEIRUT 4267

1. DURING INFORMAL CALL ON FRENCH AMBASSSADOR ARGOD THIS MORNING, MAY 14, I NOTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF GORSE'S VISIT MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO DELAYING FRANGIE'S RESIGNATION. ARGOD FULLY AGREED BUT ADDED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT GORSE MISSION WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TO NEW LEBANESE PRESIDENT.

2. I HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM ARGOD'S STATEMENT
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BUT DO NOTE THAT, FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT FRANGIE WAS

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DELAYING HIS RESIGNATION, THE NEWSPAPERS ARE NOW
INDICATING THAT GORSE WILL ARRIVE END OF NEXT WEEK
INSTAED OF END OF THIS WEEK.

3. INCIDENTALLY, ARGOD VOLUNTEERED THAT POSSIBLE FRENCH
PARTICIPATION IN A SECURITY FORCE WOULD HAVE TO BE AT THE
REQUEST OF AND WITH THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE NEW PRESIDENT.
HE SAID IT HAD NOT BEEN INTENDED TO DISCUSS SUCH POSSIBLE
ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRANGIE. MELOY UNQTE KISSINGER

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